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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN ARMS PURCHASE

REFS: (A) AMMAN 6929 (B) MANAMA 1172

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY, YOU SHOULD INFORM KING HUSSEIN THAT, AS YOU OBSERVED TO HIM IN OCT 14 CONVERSATION, WE BELIEVE ONLY REALLY SATISFACTORY WAY FOR BAHRAIN TO DEAL WITH US ON ARMS REQUESTS IS TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH US THROUGH AMBASSADOR TWINAM. WE APPRECIATE HIS MAJESTY'S BRINGING THIS BAHRAINIINTEREST TO OUR ATTENTION AND WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ON THEIR MERITS ANY REQUESTS SUBMITTED TO US.

2. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT (A) IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT BAHRAIN WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY FMS

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CREDITS FOR MILITARY PURCHASES GIVEN THAT COUNTRY'S FIN-

ANCIAL CAPABILITIES; AND (B) ANY REQUESTS WE RECEIVE FROM
GOB WILL BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF OUR ESTABLISHED ARMS
POLICY FOR COUNTRIES IN LOWER GULF. BRIEFLY, THIS POLICY
IS THAT USG WILL APPROVE SALES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH ENHANCE
INTERNAL SECURITY CAPABILITY OF THESE STATES, FOR WHICH

THERE IS DEMONSTRATED NEED, AND WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE
EQUIPMENT, SOPHISTICATED OR OFFENSIVE IN NATURE, WHICH
COULD BY ITS PRESENCE IN AREA CREATE A DESTABILIZING
FACTOR. INGERSOLL

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